

IMPORTANT TAXPAYER NOTICE

Payment of Taxes (First Installment) Due Date January 31, 2021

** All Taxpayers please provide/include a copy of your tax bill or payment stub with your check. **

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<u>PAYMENT OPTIONS</u> – Please include the remittance portion of your tax bill for all payments. Make check payable to: TOWN OF VERONA.

DROP BOX: A drop box is located in the Town Hall vestibule; it is accessible 7 days a week.

IN PERSON: 8 am-2 pm Weekdays. Please bring both halves of your tax bill. Credit card and electronic payments are NOT available at this time. If paying in cash, please bring exact amount of the First Installment or the total. Masks and social distancing are required for in-person payments.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

Thursday, December 24, 2020—Christmas Eve Friday, December 25, 2020—Christmas Day Friday, January 1, 2021—New Year's Day Monday, January 18, 2021-Martin Luther King Jr. Day

ESCROW CHECKS: If paying with an escrow check, please make sure you have properly endorsed the check before submittal. The Town will not endorse an escrow check back to the taxpayer. If the escrow check exceeds the tax amount due, the Town will issue a refund check to the taxpayer approximately two weeks after receipt. If your mortgage holder pays your taxes, please forward the entire Tax Statement to them.

TO RECEIVE A RECEIPT: Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with the remittance portion of your tax bill and payment. E-Receipts are available online through the Access Dane website. Payments made to the Town are updated on Access Dane two times: mid-January 2021 and mid-February 2021.

DELINQUENT PAYMENTS: If taxes are paid after the due date, interest will be due on the unpaid portion. Interest is applied starting February 1st. Please contact the Dane County Treasurer for all delinquent real estate tax information at 608-266-4151.

\$25.00 CHECK DEPOSIT RETURN FEE:

This fee will be applied to any returned checks.

TAX BILL INFORMATION:

Available online at AccessDane to view and print.

LOTTERY / FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT INFO:

Real Estate Lottery Credit \$224.11 Maximum First Dollar Credit \$91.45

The Lottery Credit applies to real estate occupied by the owner as his/her primary residence on January 1, 2020; the First Dollar Credit applies to all real estate parcels that have an improvement value. For those parcels that are eligible and do not have the credit shown, please stop in at the Town office prior to making payment. Taxpayers must sign a claim form (LC-100 or LC-110) to enable a reduction on your tax bill. The form must be received by January 31, 2020; postmark dates do not count for lottery credits.

2021 SPECIAL CHARGES (Included on your tax bill):

Trash/Recycling Service per unit \$150.00
Private Septic Maintenance \$8.67
Annual Sewer Charge \$473.00 (Single Family Home – Goose Lake and Hillside Heights areas.)

THE 2020 PAY 2021 VALUATION, LEVY AMOUNTS BY DISTRICT, SCHOOL TAX CREDIT, AND MILL

RATES: The final equated valuation total of real and personal property is in the Town is \$367,063,600. The total mill rate of \$18.12 is per thousand dollars of valuation. (The 2019 pay 2020 mill rate was \$18.23.)

Taxing Jurisdiction	Levy	2019 pay 2020 Mill Rate
State of Wisconsin	\$ -	1
Dane County	\$ 1,205,026.13	0.003282881
Local (Town Share)	\$ 1,200.862.00	0.003271537
Verona School District	\$ 4,709841.00	0.012831131
Madison Technical College	\$ 315,981.00	0.000860834
School Tax Credit	\$ (778,881.06)	(0.002121924)
Net	\$ 6,652,829.07	0.018124459
Assessment Ratio is 99.17% of Fair Market Value		Total: \$18.12

2021 PELLITTERI TRASH AND RECYLCING

<u>CALENDAR</u>: The <u>calendar</u> is available on the Town of Verona website.

TOWN OF VERONA BURNING PERMIT

REQUIRED: Call 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or complete an application online. Please check the daily burning restrictions online as well as reviewing basic safety instructions. If your burn will produce significant smoke, please call the Verona Fire Department non-emergency number at 608-845-9401.

SENIOR SERVICES: The Town contracts with the Sugar River Senior Center for home meal deliveries and case management referrals (60+ years of age). Home delivered meals are served Monday through Friday between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you or someone you know needs assistance please call Maria Lamboley (ext103) at 424-6007 one working day ahead to make a reservation for a meal.

2021 DOG LICENSES: Owners are required to **obtain a dog license during tax collection.** Dane County requires all rabies vaccination information before licenses can be issued. The application is available to dog owners **online.** Preprinted applications are also available at the Town Hall.

ELECTIONS: Upcoming election dates are listed below. If you need to register to vote, change your address, or request an absentee ballot, you can utilize My Vote Wisconsin.

February 16, 2021 Spring Primary
April 6, 2021 Spring Election
April 20, 2021 @ 7pm Annual Town Meeting
Nov 16, 2021 @ 7pm Special Town Meeting

<u>WEEKLY UPDATES</u>: To receive regular email updates self-subscribe to the list by clicking on the <u>subscription page</u>. Town residents can obtain electronic Town of Verona news e-newsletters, meeting agendas and other matters as they pertain to the Town government.

2020 GRANT FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

The Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants Program has provided \$32,483 to the Town to address our unique COVID-19 recovery needs. With these funds we were able to upgrade the HVAC system, enhance our virtual meeting capabilities for committees and Town board, upgrade the Town

website, purchase 4 EVA Blower System Units for the Fitchrona EMS to protect our First Responders and purchase equipment and supplies to keep voters, volunteers and staff safe.

The Town received a grant for \$1,130 for the purchase of equipment to maintain and enhance the public Town Prairie. Home to over 100 species of prairie plants, the 4-acre prairie provides habitat, stormwater mitigation, and an eventual seed source for residents.

TOWN CHAIR MARK GELLER 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

It's been a challenging year but the positive events for our Town have been significant.



- We welcomed two new key staff members - Sarah Gaskell as our Administrator and Teresa Withee as our Clerk/Treasurer.
- Our mill rate is the lowest it's been in 10 years.
- The 2021 Town Budget is healthy as we remain **debt-free** and save for the upcoming Valley

Road Bridge replacement—we pay as we go! This means every tax dollar is actively used for current and future needs and not to retire debt!

- We saw an increase in revenue due to new residential growth in the Town.
- We'll have a much improved new town website in 2021.
- Our newest commercial project in the Town is slated to open in 2021.
- The Goose Lake Stormwater Management Study is nearing completion.
- We continue to improve the quality of our town roads through long-range planning and maintenance efforts.
- Our sewer utility, garbage & recycling and EMS Service rates will not increase in 2021.
- Our brand new plow truck will be arriving soon!
- Road Patrolman Mark Judd will have provided 20 years of service to the town this upcoming February!

I appreciate everyone who has volunteered their time this year —election workers, committee and commission members, prairie volunteers and other residents. It's encouraging to see the level of engagement from our residents. I am honored to continue to serve as your Town Chair. I'm hopeful that we can get together in person for our 2021 Annual meeting and until then, I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.